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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended): An electronic message management system
2 comprising:
3 an electronic message composition device that detects that a new
4 electronic message is being composed by a user;
5 a related message determination device that, while the new electronic
6 message is being composed and prior to completion, non-interactively collects
7 information pertaining to the new electronic message as message composition
8 progresses and continuously determines whether one or more electronic messages
9 are related to [[a]] the new electronic message based on the collected information;
10 a message control device that assembles one or more of the electronic
11 messages determined to be related to the new electronic message; and
12 a message display device that nondisruptively and automatically displays a
13 portion of the one or more related electronic messages without requiring user
14 action to request the display.
- 1 2. (currently amended): The system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 an electronic message composition device that allows a user to at least one
3 of create or update the new electronic message, wherein the related message
4 determination device non-interactively collects the information pertaining to the
5 new electronic message as message creating or updating progresses and
6 continuously determines whether the electronic messages are related to the new
7 electronic message based on the collected information.
- 1 3. (original): The system of claim 2, wherein the related message
2 determination device automatically determines the one or more related electronic

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3 messages after commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic
4 message.

1 4. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein upon selection of a
2 portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is
3 displayed.

1 5. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the related message
2 determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the
3 new electronic message to at least one of the one or more related electronic
4 messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender
5 search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

1 6. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more related
2 electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface;
3 assembled into a digest; and stored.

1 7. (currently amended): An electronic message management method
2 comprising:
3 detecting that a new electronic message is being composed by a user;
4 while the new electronic message is being composed and prior to
5 completion, non-interactively collecting information pertaining to the new
6 electronic message as message composition progresses and continuously
7 determining whether one or more electronic messages are related to [[a]] the new
8 electronic message based on the collected information;
9 assembling one or more of the electronic messages determined to be
10 related to the new electronic message; and
11 nondisruptively and automatically displaying a portion of the one or more
12 related electronic messages without requiring user action to request the display.

1 8. (currently amended): The method of claim 7, further comprising:
2 creating or updating the new electronic message; and

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3 non-interactively collecting the information pertaining to the new
4 electronic message as message creating or updating progresses and continuously
5 determining whether the electronic messages are related to the new electronic
6 message based on the collected information.

1 9. (original): The method of claim 8, wherein determining the one or
2 more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of
3 creating or updating of the new electronic message.

1 10. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein upon selection of a
2 portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is
3 displayed.

1 11. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the related message
2 determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the
3 new message to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a
4 keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a
5 subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

1 12. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more related
2 electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface;
3 assembled into a digest; and stored.

1 13. (currently amended): A computer readable medium having
2 instructions stored thereon for managing electronic messages, which when
3 executed by at least one processor, causes the processor to perform the steps of:
4 detecting that a new electronic message is being composed by a user;
5 while the new electronic message is being composed and prior to
6 completion, non-interactively collecting information pertaining to the new
7 electronic message as message composition progresses and continuously
8 determining whether one or more electronic messages are related to [[a]] the new
9 electronic message based on the collected information;

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10 assembling one or more of the electronic messages determined to be
11 related to the new electronic message; and
12 nondisruptively and automatically displaying a portion of the one or more
13 related electronic messages without requiring user action to request the display.

1 14. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim
2 further comprising instructions for creating or updating the new electronic
3 message and non-interactively collecting the information pertaining to the new
4 electronic message as message creating or updating progresses and continuously
5 determining whether the electronic messages are related to the new electronic
6 message based on the collected information.

1 15. (previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim
2 14, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages
3 automatically occurs after commencement of the creating or updating of the new
4 electronic message.

1 16. (previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim
2 13, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related
3 messages, the related message is displayed.

1 17. (previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim
2 13, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a
3 statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message and at least one of
4 the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field
5 search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search;
6 and a recency search.

1 18. (previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim
2 13, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of:
3 displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

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1 19. (currently amended): An electronic message management system
2 comprising:
3 a data system for non-interactively identifying data in electronic messages
4 as message composition progresses, the data system adapted to continuously
5 identify electronic messages related to a new electronic message based on the
6 identified information while the new electronic message is being composed and
7 prior to completion;
8 a message control system associated with the data system, the message
9 control system adapted to assemble the related electronic messages; and
10 an output device adapted to nondisruptively and automatically
11 communicate the related electronic messages without requiring user action to
12 request the display.

1 20. (original): The electronic message management system of claim 19
2 wherein the data system further includes a rule and the data system identifies
3 related electronic messages according to the rule.

1 21. (original): The electronic message management system of claim 19
2 wherein the output device communicates in at least one of a human readable and
3 computer readable format.

1 22. (previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the related
2 message determination device determines the one or more related electronic
3 messages during a creation of the new electronic message and the message
4 display device nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related
5 electronic messages during the creation of the new electronic message.

1 23. (currently amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the related
2 message determination device determines the one or more related electronic
3 messages to the new electronic message based on one or more rules and further

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4 comprising an interface device used to enter in the one or more rules into the
5 related message determination device prior to message composition.

1 24. (currently amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the
2 determining the one or more related electronic messages is performed during a
3 creation of the new electronic message and the nondisruptively displaying the
4 portion of the one or more related electronic messages is during the creation of the
5 new electronic message.

1 25. (currently amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the
2 determining the one or more related electronic messages is performed based on
3 one or more rules and further comprising entering the one or more rules before the
4 determining and prior to message composition.

1 26. (currently amended): The ~~information storage media~~ computer
2 readable medium of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or
3 more related electronic messages is generated during a creation of the new
4 electronic message and the information that nondisruptively displays the portion
5 of the one or more related electronic messages is performed during the creation of
6 the new electronic message.

1 27. (currently amended): The ~~information storage media~~ computer
2 readable medium of claim 13, wherein the information that determines the one or
3 more related electronic messages is based on one or more rules and further
4 comprising information for entering the one or more rules before the determining
5 and prior to message composition.

1 28. (previously presented): The system of claim 19, wherein the data
2 system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message
3 during a creation of the new electronic message and the output device
4 nondisruptively displays the portion of the one or more related electronic
5 messages during the creation of the new electronic message.

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- 1 29. (previously presented): The system of claim 19, wherein the data
2 system identifies the electronic messages related to the new electronic message
3 based on one or more rules and further comprising an interface device used to
4 enter in the one or more rules into the data system.